This ancient structure was built in 1773. After services one Sunday morning in the summer of 1774, in the shadow of this church General Washington advocated withdrawing allegiance from King George and stated that he would fight to uphold the independence of the colonies. Nine years later, after resigning his commission at Annapolis, he again occupied his accustomed pew in this church. It was here that General Robert E. Lee agreed to take command of the Virginia forces.

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